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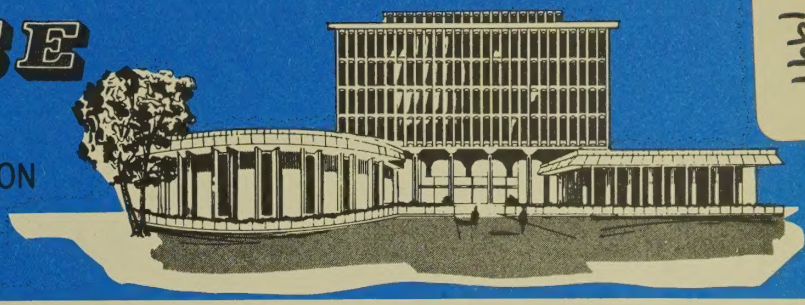

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SELF INSURANCE SAVES TAXPAYERS THOUSANDS

October 17, 1991

As a charter member of a self insurance group, the Hamilton Board of Education has recently received good news. Approximately $40,000 in premium savings are being returned to Hamilton education taxpayers. The savings are being returned in the form of premium reductions over the next two years--more than $30,000 in 1992 and $10,000 in 1993.

Since its inception five years ago, OSBIE (the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange) has grown to provide coverage for 141 Ontario Boards, representing 1.8 million students.

Hamilton Trustee, John Penner, our Board's Business Administrator when this concept came into place is a past member of OSBIE's Board of Directors.

First proposed by the Ministry of Education as an alternative for liability coverage with private companies, this plan has enabled boards to insure themselves. It came into place against a backdrop of skyrocketing school board insurance costs. In 1986, this Board was facing a premium hike of approximately 58% despite a coverage reduction of $10 million. Some boards were told that premiums would rise as much as 300% to obtain their same level of coverage.

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Our Board's Property and Insurance Manager, Doug Kelterborn, says claims service has been excellent. OSBIE is geared to school board coverage and is very focused, dealing only with school board liabilities.

It is quick at anticipating new and developing problems in schools and has provided helpful advice to minimize claims.

OSBIE conducts surveys regularly and provides timely bulletins on where new claim movement is taking place. An inspection program sends experts into our schools, resulting in excellent reports to improve safety.

OSBIE is equipped to anticipate and clarify new problems such as insurance liabilities associated with student trips to Europe during the recent Gulf War crisis. The Board has been able to get answers and give quick advice to principals whenever liability questions come into play.

As a charter member of the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange, this Board is pleased to be part of a concept which has saved a lot of money not only for Hamilton taxpayers, but for taxpayers across the province.

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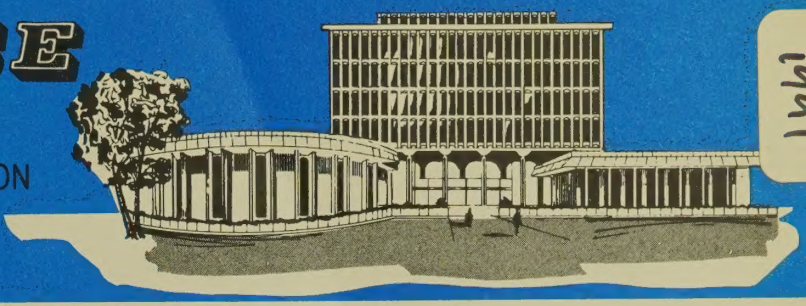

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REFINEMENTS IMPROVE WESTMOUNT SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Operations Management Committee of the Hamilton Board of Education last night received a status report on the much-publicized Westmount 1990 Program.

Trustees noted that many of the concerns voiced last June by parents and other members of the community have been very effectively addressed.

In addition to outlining the school program modifications put into place this Fall, the report addresses such issues as enrollment, student mobility and student achievement.

Trustees were pleased that the statistics regarding Westmount are consistent with those of other Hamilton secondary schools.

A copy of the full report is available to all interested people by calling the Board's Minute Room at 527-5092, Ext. 442.

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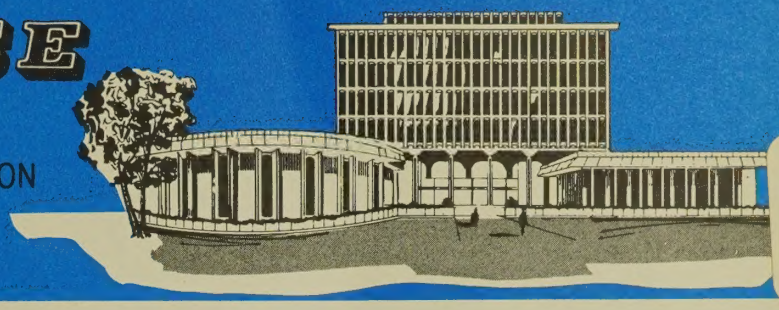

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DRUG EDUCATION
News Conference To Involve Media And Community

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November 12, 1991

A drug education policy was approved by the Hamilton Board of Education at its October, 1991 meeting. Major implementation thrusts of this important policy include both informing and involving the community of Hamilton.

In October, 1988, the Ministry of Education established a Task Force on illegal drugs in Ontario. One of the terms of reference for this Task Force was to require all school boards to have a policy on drug education. Each school board was required to develop and begin implementation of a drug education policy by September, 1991.

The Hamilton Board of Education developed a Substance Abuse Policy Planning Committee which included nine community volunteers (representing students, Home and School Associations, treatment and education services, the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police, the Hamilton-Wentworth Health Department) and other community groups as well as representatives from all departments of the Hamilton Board of Education.

This committee has developed a policy which reflects the philosophy that substance abuse among our youth is a community problem to which the total community must respond. The problem of Drug and Alcohol Abuse among the youth in our community will not be solved by isolated programs but through a concerted effort by all who are concerned about the future of today's students.

In conjunction with Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week, the Board of Education is inviting you to a news conference scheduled as follows:

Place: Main Auditorium, Education Centre
100 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
Time: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 19, 1991

More than 100 are expected to be in attendance. You and other interested members of your organization are being invited to join in this endeavour to involve our entire community in this challenging matter. For further details, call us:

- **Bob Chapman**, Co-ordinator of the Hamilton Board of Education's Physical & Health Education at 521-2521,
- **Bryan Schofield**, Co-ordinator of the Hamilton Board of Education's Adjustment Services at 527-5092, or
- **Abe Friesen**, Program Director, Addiction Research Foundation at 525-1250.

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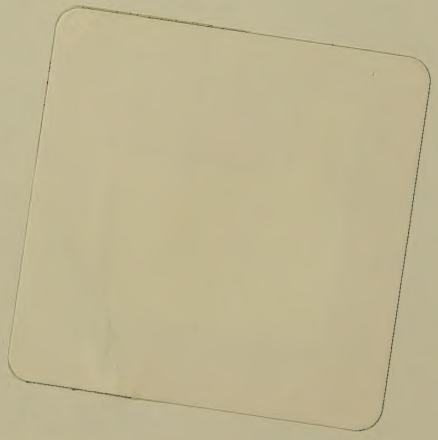

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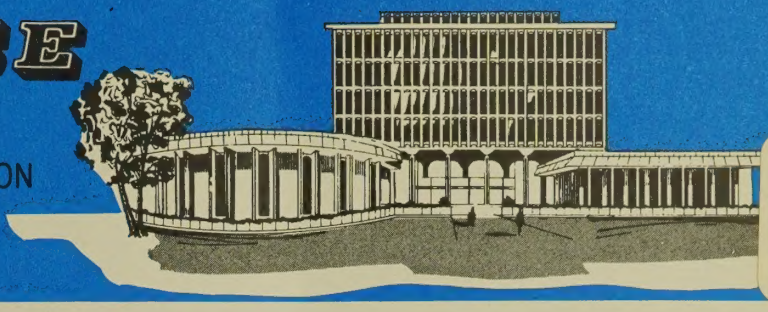

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Hamilton Students will Perform on World Stage In Spain

The Hamilton school system's WESTDALE PLAYERS have been invited to perform in Spain in April, 1992, as part of World Expo '92 opening ceremonies and as a part of celebrations recognizing the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America. This is delightful and important news.

Board Chairman, Margaret Cunningham tonight invited the students to present a four-minute sampling of what is going to be enacted on the world stage in Spain five months from now.

The theme of this student production ASSIGNMENT: SAVE MOTHER EARTH ties in with the Board's environment policy and is performed under the direction of Westdale Secondary School drama teacher, David Dayler.

Their performances in Spain are expected to bring attention to Westdale Secondary School, to the City of Hamilton and to Canada.

More information is contained in the attachments. For complete details, please do contact us (**Bill Manson,** the Board's Co-ordinator of Drama and Dance at 527-5092, Ext. 414, or **Dave Dayler** at 522-1387).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WHAT :

WESTDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL
" THE WESTDALE PLAYERS "
Have been invited to participate in the Quincentennial Musical Salute celebrating 500 Years of Discovery of America in Madrid ,Spain and to participate in the opening week celebrations of World Expo '92 in Seville Spain.

WHEN :

April 13 - 22 , 1992

WHY :

First American Music Encounters (FAME) has been designated by government officials to organize music festivals and special events that are part of official festivities commemorating significant historical events. They were the group involved in co-ordinating the celebrations surrounding the Bi-Centennial of the United States and the celebration surrounding the Bastille in Paris.

In this capacity FAME is responsible for identifying superior performing groups, extending invitations to those who qualify and co-ordinating all performance and travel arrangements. They are responsible for all performance requirements at the performance venues.

Performance ensembles are invited from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Provinces of Canada to participate in these special events.

Performance groups must be among the upper echelons in their class to receive an invitation to participate.

NOTES :

Westdale's invitation includes the request to perform our 1992 presentation of ASSIGNMENT : EARTH , what everyone can do to save the Planet, on day 2 of the opening week celebrations of Expo '92 in Seville.

Westdale has also been asked to perform as part of the Official Musical Salute to Spain which will be presented in Madrid and at the Olympic site in Barcelona.

Most of the Groups invited to perform in this celebration are vocal or instrumental ensembles . Westdale is one of five "theatrical" ensembles invited from both the U.S and Canada as part of this celebration.

Westdale will be responsible for raising the necessary travel costs to get the production and the company to Spain for this event. The sponsoring body will look after all local costs with regard to the production. The estimated cost per person is approximately $ 2000.00.

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(The Spanish National Quincentennial Commission)

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HIS EXCELLENCY

Sr. D. AGUSTIN RODRIGUEZ SAHAGUN

Mayor of Madrid

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HIS EXCELLENCY

Sr. D. MANUEL del VALLE ARÉVALO

Mayor of Seville

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Westdale Secondary School

to represent the great province of

Ontario

In Performance at the

"AMERICAN MUSICAL SALUTE TO SPAIN"

commemorating the Columbus Quincentennial

1492-1992

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL SALUTE TO SPAIN

The "American Musical Salute to Spain" is officially recognized at the highest levels of Spanish government. This commemoration of 500 years since the discovery of America offers American performing groups an incomparable occasion to represent their states in Spain for the event of the century.

Selected groups will perform for large and enthusiastic Spanish audiences in famous high-profile and historically-significant sites in Seville and Madrid. Performances are professionally staged and well-publicized as part of official festivities.

Seville and the World EXPO '92

On the 20th of April, 1992, World EXPO will be opened by Their Majesties, King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain. Because EXPO '92 is the last Universal Exposition of the 20th century, the theme, "The Age of Discoveries" is particularly fitting. EXPO '92 offers numerous performance possibilities including two at the U.S. Pavilion on a permanent stage or a floating platform. — Never again will such an opportunity arise for a performing group to experience the artistic, cultural and scientific achievements of 110 participating countries. If "all the world's a stage," the stages of EXPO '92 truly offer groups an opportunity to perform for all the world. The "American Musical Salute to Spain," sponsored by the Mayor of Seville, features concerts in the Plaza de España and Plaza San Francisco.

Their Majesties, King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain

Madrid
1992 European Capital of Culture

The "America Musical Salute to Spain" is a prominent part of Madrid's presentation to the world of culture, history, sport, and technology as part of the 500th Anniversary. Performances in the Plaza Mayor, Templo de Debod, Retiro Park and other historic locations, will be professionally staged and scheduled to provide maximum exposure and substantial audiences.

Professional and amateur performers from countries around the world will include major symphony orchestras, international folk dancers, theater, rock, jazz, and other artists, plus participants of the "American Musical Salute to Spain" - all part of what may be the world's greatest-ever cultural exchange.

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With satisfaction I have learned about the project entitled "American Musical Salute to Spain," and about the visit by musical groups from the United States to Spain in 1992.

I would like all of the young people selected to represent each state of that great country (United States of America) to consider themselves from this moment on, celebrities of the events being prepared to celebrate in Spain the beginning of that great cultural undertaking initiated in 1492. For Spain, America has always been closely related and that is why this visit will be an exceptional occasion to express with vision towards the future and the language of music, the importance of Christopher Columbus' first voyage to the Americas.

Wishing you all kinds of success in such an exciting project.

The "American Musical Salute to Spain" is also officially recognized by:

Pablo Lopez de Osaba
Consortio Madrid '92

José Maria Alvarez del Manzano
Mayor of Madrid

Alejandro Rojas Marcos
Mayor of Seville

Spanish National Quincentennial Commission

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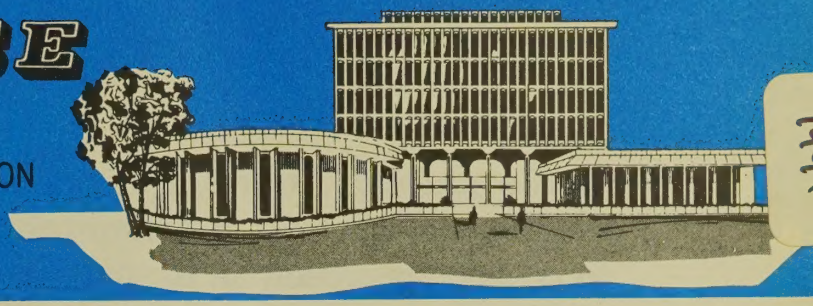

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Board Adopts AIDS Communications Plan

An AIDS Communications plan involving a considerable amount of staff training was accepted last night by the Board of Education. It is going to be carried out under the leadership of Board Officials and Principals, working in close co-operation with the Medical Officer of Health.

Although the staff of the Hamilton Board of Education will be expected to have a relatively high level of knowledge about AIDS, they will not set themselves up as medical experts in the event of an AIDS/HIV infection. That will remain the responsibility of the Medical Officer of Health. School operational matters will be handled by staff.

In general, the Board's AIDS Communications plan recognizes that:

(1) the potential for transmitting the AIDS/HIV infection in the school setting, based on the best medical evidence, is remote.

(2) assessing health matters relating to AIDS/HIV shall be carried out by public health staff of the Regional Department of Public Health Services, not by educators.

(3) in line with guiding premises of legislation (Education Act, Health Protection and Promotion Act, and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Individual Privacy Act), the identity of any student/staff member with AIDS/HIV infection shall be protected.

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While public information about AIDS remains primarily the responsibility of other community agencies, the Board will continue to co-operate closely in facilitating the process (See draft **"AIDS Policy and Procedure Information Brochure"** attached which is designed to assist parents' understanding of this disease.).

For further information about the Board's Communications plan or details about the Board's AIDS-related curriculum in our schools, please call the office of the Superintendent of Program (521-2502). For additional resource materials, call the office of the Regional Department of Public Health Services (546-3542).

How is AIDS diagnosed?

The antibody test indicates the presence or confirms the absence of HIV. That is, it will show only that the virus has entered a person's bloodstream. AIDS is diagnosed when a compensating disease occurs which indicates that the immune system has been so deeply affected by HIV that it can no longer function normally. A physical examination and a number of tests are needed to diagnose AIDS.

How can young people protect themselves?

The first step is knowing the facts.

- take advantage of educational opportunities to do so
- contact your doctor
- contact the local Health Department

The second step is that by saying no to sex and drugs AIDS may be prevented.

- unprotected sexual relationships with individuals whose past history and current health status are not known, increase the chance of getting AIDS
- sharing needles, syringes, toothbrushes, razors or other personal items that could become contaminated with blood also increases the risk of contracting AIDS.

Is AIDS education included in curriculum in the School System?

AIDS education is included in the health program at the intermediate (Gr. 7 - 10) levels and is also discussed in the senior division (Gr. 11 and 12). There are compulsory units at Grade 8 and 9.

(This information is available in the Dr. H. Paikin Library located in the Education Centre, 100 Main St., W.)

For further information

contact the public health nurse

in your local school or

The Public Health Department

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Preamble

AIDS stands for: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. This is a condition caused by the virus known as HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) which breaks down the body's defense systems leaving the body unable to fight off most infections. AIDS victims die of serious illnesses their bodies cannot fight. Based on the best medical evidence, the potential for transmitting the HIV virus in a school setting is remote.

General Statement of the Intent of the Board

The Board of Education for the City of Hamilton recognizes its dual responsibility to provide educational opportunities and to balance concerns for the welfare of the students and employees in our school system.

The policy statements pertinent to this emerging health threat is a reflection of our enlightened and compassionate approach in dealing with the AIDS/HIV infection issue.

The best prevention of the spread of AIDS depends on what people know about how to avoid contracting the virus. For this purpose the Board's efforts will be focusing on informing and educating its students and employees.

Policy Statements

1. The identity of a student infected with the AIDS/HIV shall be protected.

2. A student with AIDS/HIV infection shall not be excluded from regular instructional programs unless the Medical Officer of Health or resulting illness conditions indicate alternatives should be sought.

3. Decisions regarding alternative instructional programming shall be made on a case-by-case basis.

4. The identity of Board personnel with AIDS/HIV infection shall be protected.

5. Employees with AIDS/HIV infection shall have the right to continue their employment subject to the advice or direction of the Medical Officer of Health.

6. The Board shall maintain and monitor "safe work practices" for the protection of students and employees.

7. The Board shall make up-to-date information relating to AIDS/HIV infection available to students and employees.

8. Implementation of the Board's policy and procedures for AIDS/HIV infection shall occur via systematic information and training seminars for all employees.

9. The Board shall appoint an AIDS/HIV Infection Policy Review Committee.

Facts About AIDS

What are the symptoms of AIDS/HIV Infection?

While not specific they include:
- swollen lymph glands in the neck, armpit or groin
- persistent night sweats
- severe tiredness
- loss of weight for no apparent reason
- diarrhea

Anyone who has several of these symptoms that do not go away should see a doctor. The virus can affect the nervous system causing changes in behaviour and a decline in intellectual ability.

How do people get AIDS/HIV Infection?

- through direct infusion of infected blood or blood products
- through sharing contaminated needles or syringes
- through direct blood-to-blood contact
- through direct semen or vaginal fluid into the bloodstream via lesions or body openings where the skin is easily broken
- through sexual activity with an infected person
- by an infected mother before or during birth or possibly through breastfeeding.

AIDS/HIV Infection is NOT transmitted by:

- sneezing or coughing
- eating or drinking from common utensils
- from toilet seats, swimming pools, saunas, desks or telephones
- from hugging or shaking hands

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